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BLM reminds visitors to use caution; many roads impassable due to rain

CRAIG, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management Little Snake Field Office is urging the public to use caution this holiday weekend as recent rains have left many roads across BLM impassable, and the danger of local flash-flooding remains.

"Recent storms have caused road-washouts and flash-flooding on public lands throughout Moffat and Routt counties," said Acting Little Snake Field Manager Tim Wilson. "If your plans for the weekend included visiting BLM-managed lands, use extreme caution when traveling these routes and be alert to changing weather conditions."

Several visitors have reported being temporarily stranded due to flash-flooding this past week. Because the ground is saturated from the rain, flash-flooding remains a concern if additional storms hit the area. Driving on saturated roads may also cause significant road damage and increased erosion.

"It's a good idea to let friends or relatives know where you plan to be as cell phone service can be spotty in many parts of these areas," Wilson said.

BLM maintains multiple Remote Automated Weather Stations throughout Moffat and Routt counties, which show an average of nearly two inches of precipitation during the past seven days.

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